

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a cleaning element support;

a cleaning element removable mounted about the support and having opposed ends;

a handle coupled to the support, the handle rotatably coupled to the support;

powered drive means, carried in the handle and having a rotatable output shaft to the support, for rotating the support upon activation of the powered drive means

clamp means, carried on the support ~~for selectively clamping the cleaning element in a fixed position on the support~~; and;

a slot formed ~~along~~ in the support with the opposed ends of the cleaning element secured in the slot, said slot for selectively receiving said clamp means so as to engage said opposed ends to prevent dislodgement thereof from said slot.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cleaning element comprises:

an exterior surface with cleaning members fixed thereto and radially projecting therefrom.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the clamp means comprises:

a pivotal member carried on the support, the clamp means pivotal between a first position spaced from the support to a second position engaged with the opposed ends of said cleaning element.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, ~~wherein opposed ends of the cleaning element are spaced from each other when the cleaning element is mounted around the support and~~ further including means carried on the opposed ends of the cleaning element for releasably mounting ~~the support means~~ said opposed ends in said slot.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
the cleaning element extends over substantially an entire exterior surface of the support.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
an attachment carrying an auxiliary cleaning element mountable on an end of the

support.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein:
the auxiliary attachment is releasably mountable on an end of the support.

19. (Previously Presented) The cleaning apparatus of claim 1 wherein the support
comprises:

container means for carrying a fluid; and
an aperture formed in the container means for dispensing fluid from the container
means to the cleaning element.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support has a
cylindrical configuration.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~opposed ends of the
cleaning element are spaced from each other such that~~ a space is defined between said
opposed ends and said slot of said support is located along said space.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said clamp means has

first and second ends with teeth for selectively engaging recesses formed at either end of the support slot.

28. (Currently Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:
a cleaning element support;
a cleaning element removably disposed about said support;
a handle coupled to the support;
powered drive means in the handle for selectively rotating the support relative to the handle;
a slot formed along the support;
wherein opposed ends of the cleaning element ~~are spaced from one another and~~
are selectively disposed in said slot for securing the cleaning element in fixed position on the support; and
clamp means carried on the support for moving between a first open position and a second closed position, said second closed position having the clamp means positioned in said slot and between said disposed opposed ends of said cleaning element for preventing dislodgement thereof from said slot.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said slot includes a running rib for separating the opposed ends of the cleaning element when said ends are mounted in said slot.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said support has a cylindrical configuration.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said cleaning element has an exterior surface with a plurality of cleaning element projections fixed thereto and radially projecting therefrom.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said support includes a core having circumferentially spaced interiorly formed ribs for selectively mating with circumferentially spaced recesses of a rotatable spindle extending from said handle.

34. (Currently Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:
a cleaning element support;
a cleaning element removably disposed about said support;
a handle coupled to the support;
powered drive means in the handle for selectively rotating the support relative to the handle;
a slot formed along the support;
wherein opposed ends of the cleaning element ~~are spaced from one another and~~
are selectively disposed in said slot;
wherein the support carries a clamping device selectively receivable in said slot when said opposed ends are disposed in said slot for engaging said opposed ends in order to secure the cleaning element in fixed position on the support.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said support has a cylindrical configuration and said cleaning element is in the form of a sheet or a tube.